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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mrs. Frances Walker Martin of Lebanon.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Frances Walker Martin; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin was an exemplary public servant and remarkably gifted teacher who worked assiduously to provide the highest quality education to her students; and

WHEREAS, A native of Wilson County, Frances Walker Martin was the daughter of the late Judge Edward Glenn Walker and Bertha Talley Walker; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin was a retired teacher for the Lebanon Special School District, where she worked assiduously for many years to impart knowledge to her students and to mold them into productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Mrs. Martin distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity, and the positive influence she had on so many young lives is truly beyond measure; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin was an extremely talented and compassionate educator, and she worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Her dedication to the teaching profession was an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel were valued highly by those who were fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, She held a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin was an active and devout member of the College Street Church of Christ, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Frances Walker Martin was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin was married for fifty-two years to Lillard L. Martin, who preceded her in death; she was the proud mother of Glenn Martin and his wife, Debra; Lane Martin, Jr., and his wife, Melinda; Gayle Bentley and her husband, Grady; and Kathryn Gibson and her husband, Wayne; she was further blessed by ten grandchildren: Wayne, Jr., Mark, Bryant, and Amy Gibson; Jill, Allison, and Valerie Martin; and Bonny, Grady III, and Fran Bentley; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Frances Walker Martin leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her professional endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional teacher, public servant, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of Mrs. Frances Walker Martin, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character, her meritorious service as an educator, and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Frances Walker Martin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.